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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily to the examination of this application, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Please delete the title and replace it with "Formulations, Tablets of Paroxetine and Process to Prepare Them".

Please delete claims 1-15. Please add claims 16 and 17.

16. A pharmaceutical composition in tablet form containing paroxetine, produced on a commercial scale by a process which comprises the steps of:

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- a) dry admixing paroxetine and excipients in a mixer to form a mixture; or
 - b) dry admixing paroxetine and excipients, compressing the resulting combination into a slug material or roller compacting the resulting combination into a strand material, and milling the prepared material into a free flowing mixture; and
 - c) compressing the mixture into tablets;
- provided that one of the excipients is not microcrystalline cellulose.

17. A pharmaceutical composition in tablet form according to claim 16 containing an amount of paroxetine selected from 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg and 50 mg, wherein the amount of paroxetine is expressed as the free base, produced on a commercial scale by a process which comprises the steps of: